

Monday 2nd February

LEOPARDSTOWN

1.15	NATHANIEL LACY & PARTNERS SOLICITORS NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1) 2¾m53y (4470 Metres)
RACE 1	(1) DOCTOR STEINBERG (4) KAZANSKY (5) LOVE ME TENDER
1.50	GANNON'S CITY RECOVERY & RECYCLING SERVICES JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 1) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) NARCISO HAS (6) MANGE TOUT (3) IMMEDIATE EFFECT
2.25	RACE AND STAY AT LEOPARDSTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) 3m19y (4850 Metres)
RACE 3	(20) DIPPEDINMOONLIGHT (11) COUNTY FINAL (8) WENDROCK
2.55	GOFFS IRISH ARKLE NOVICE CHASE (Grade 1) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 4	(2) ROMEO COOLIO (3) KARGESE (1) DOWNMEXICOWAY
3.30	PADDY POWER IRISH GOLD CUP (Grade 1) 3m100y (4920 Metres)
RACE 5	(6) GALOPIN DES CHAMPS (5) GAELIC WARRIOR (8) I AM MAXIMUS
4.05	BARBERSTOWN CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (Listed) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 6	(5) WESTERN DIEGO (2) JACOB'S LADDER (4) BALLY SAX HANK
4.40	PADDY POWER CHELTENHAM COUNTDOWN PODCAST (C & G) I.N.H. I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 2) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 7	(4) IT'S ONLY A GAME (2) CHARISMATIC KID (5) MOSSY WAY

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

1.15**NATHANIEL LACY & PARTNERS SOLICITORS NOVICE HURDLE
(Grade 1) 5yo+ €150,000 2¾m53y (4470 Metres)**

RACE 1


GBI RACINGGoing: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 DOCTOR STEINBERG (IRE) (58)  **100**
3/2-1511 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **P. Townend**
Useful bumper scorer who has taken really well to hurdling, winning 21.5f Galway maiden and 2½m Navan Grade 2 (heavy) before Christmas. Looks capable of even better and likely hard to beat again.


2 FRANKIE JOHN (IRE) (24) (C) **89**
43-122315 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Denis Hogan, Ireland **D. G. Hogan**
Course maiden winner over Christmas but limitations seemingly exposed when only 2¾ lengths fifth of 10 to I'll Sort That in 2½m Naas Grade 1 since.


3 JALON D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (35) (C, BF) **88**
113/22 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **Jordan Colin Gainford**
One of the leading bumper performers of the 2023/24 season. Runner-up both starts over hurdles since returning from an absence, latterly beaten ½ length by Frankie John over 20.5f here in December. Likely has a bigger performance in him but yard has stronger contenders elsewhere.

4 KAZANSKY (IRE) (38) **94**
811 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **J. W. Kennedy**
Has won both completed starts over hurdles, latterly a Grade 2 novice at Limerick (23f, heavy) just after Christmas. Likely even more to come and the mount of Jack Kennedy from the Elliott quartet.

5 LOVE ME TENDER (FR) (37) **99**
1113 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **M. P. Walsh**
Grade 3 winner at Tipperary in October. Lost his unbeaten record but still performed with credit when third in 2m course Grade 3 at the Christmas meeting. Steps up significantly in trip. Respected.


6 RISKAWAY (FR) (37) (BF) **91**
2-4212 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **Danny Gilligan**
Successful start over hurdles at Thurles in November. Bettered that form when second of 4 at Limerick (2½m, heavy) 5 weeks ago. Can improve again.

7 SANTO SOSPIR (FR) (25) **94**
1-411 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **Sean Bowen**
Won a big-field maiden hurdle over 19.5f at Punchestown in November and followed up in 17f conditions hurdle at Clonmel (heavy) 25 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Should continue to progress.

8 TACKLETOMMYWOOWO (IRE) (92) **88**
07-2F1611 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Declan Queally, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**
Hasn't looked back since getting off the mark in 3m Wexford handicap last summer, adding 2 novice events around 3m at Cork in the autumn, latterly a listed hurdle. This a whole lot tougher, though.

9 YESHIL (IRE) (38) **91**
28-13 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
Lightly-raced sort who was notably strong in the betting before landing a 21f Punchestown maiden on return in November. ¾ lengths third of 5 to reopposing Kazansky in Grade 2 novice at Limerick (23f, heavy) since. May do better again.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Doctor Steinberg, **6-1** Kazansky, **13-2** Santo Sospir, **11-1** Love Me Tender, **12-1** Tackletommywoowo, **14-1** Jalon D'oudairies, **20-1** Riskaway, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DOCTOR STEINBERG can stretch his unbeaten hurdle record to 3 and provide Willie Mullins with a fifth win in the last 6 runnings of this Grade 1. December's Limerick Grade 2 scorer Kazansky is the mount of Jack Kennedy from the four-strong Gordon Elliott team and may provide the main threat ahead of the selection's stablemate Love Me Tender.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DOCTOR STEINBERG 2. KAZANSKY 3. LOVE ME TENDER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Final Demand	6-11-10	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	12
2024	Dancing City	7-11-10	16-1	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	6
2023	Good Land	7-11-10	3-1f	Barry Connell	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	8
2022	Minella Cocooner	6-11-10	11-1	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	7
2021	Gaillard du Mesnil	5-11-10	13-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	13

SMART STATS:

6	W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: DOCTOR STEINBERG)
39%	P. Townend's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN (rides: DOCTOR STEINBERG)
33%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate in mid season (saddles: DOCTOR STEINBERG and LOVE ME TENDER)

1.50

RACE 2

**GANNON'S CITY RECOVERY & RECYCLING SERVICES
JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 1) 4yo €150,000 2m (3220
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 BARBIZON (IRE) (38) (D) t 89**

14 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**Danny Gilligan**

Quickly reached a useful level on the Flat for John Joseph Murphy, successful 2 of 4 starts, and made a smooth transition to hurdling for new yard when winning juvenile maiden at Navan. However, was 12½ lengths fourth of 10 to Narciso Has in Grade 2 (2/1) at this C&D (good) 38 days ago.

2 BERTUTEA (FR) (38) (D) 87

32-1 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

**S. F. O'Keefe**

Fairly useful Flat winner. Didn't have to improve to make a winning start for this yard in maiden at Limerick on return but much more needed here.

3 IMMEDIATE EFFECT (33) (D) 85

1 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**Sean Bowen**

Useful Flat winner for Sir Mark Prescott and made a winning start over hurdles for new yard in maiden at Punchestown. Much more needed at this level but he has potential.

4 NARCISO HAS (FR) (38) (CD) ★ 100

1-21 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

**M. P. Walsh**

Winner of newcomers hurdle at Auteuil only start in France and improved on that form both starts for this yard, impressive when making all in Grade 2 over C&D on Boxing Day. The one to beat.

5 NORTH SHORE (FR) (38) 91

3 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Sean Flanagan

Useful on the Flat and made encouraging start in this sphere when 11 lengths third of 10 to Narciso Has in juvenile hurdle at this C&D (good) on NH debut 38 days ago. Open to progress.

6 MANGE TOUT (FR) (64) (D) h 99

111 4 10-7 | 66.7kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**J. W. Kennedy**

A half-sister to Grade 1 winning hurdler/chaser Impaire Et Passe who made it 3 from 3 in Grade 3 at Fairyhouse in November, quickening clear from the returning Narciso Has. Big shout.

7 SELMA DE VARY (FR) (89) h 86

2-51 4 10-7 | 66.7kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

**P. Townend**

French recruit who won 13-runner fillies juvenile at Auteuil in November by 9 lengths. Market should reveal expectations starting out for top yard.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Narciso Has, **3-1** Mange Tout, **9-1** Selma De Vary, **14-1** Bertutea, **18-1** Immediate Effect, **25-1** North Shore, **25-1** Barbizon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NARCISO HAS catapulted himself to the head of the Triumph Hurdle market when making all in a Grade 2 over C&D on Boxing Day, displaying an excellent blend of both speed and stamina, and looks the one to beat. Mange Tout stretched her unbeaten record to 3 when beating the selection in a Grade 3 at Fairyhouse but Narciso Has was making his reappearance that day.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. NARCISO HAS 2. MANGE TOUT 3. IMMEDIATE EFFECT****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Hello Neighbour 4-11-0	85-40	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Keith Donoghue	8
2024	Kargese 4-10-7	7-2	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	11
2023	Gala Marceau 4-10-7	9-2	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	8
2022	Vauban 4-11-2	9-4	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9
2021	Quilixios 4-11-2	4-6f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	6

















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RACE 3

RACE AND STAY AT LEOPARDSTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) 4yo+ (Rated 0-150) €100,000 3m19y (4850 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT (IRE) (11) (D, BF)	b	97
	5099-3112 8 11-12 75.3kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)		
	Reluctant individual. Creditable ½-length second of 6 to Home By The Lee in John Mulhern Galmoy Hurdle (9/4) at Gowran (23.5f, heavy) 11 days ago, outbattled.		
2	DART DART (FR) (275)		98
	40/01328-0 7 10-10 68.0kg		
	Thomas Cooper, Ireland D. King		
	Latest win in hurdle at Punchestown in October 2024. 7/1, below form tenth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (20.5f, good to soft). Off 9 months.		
3	DAILY PRESENT (IRE) (36) (D)	t	96
	15P/331P-0 9 10-10 68.0kg		
	Paul Nolan, Ireland E. Staples (5lb/2kg)		
	Useful winner at 26f in chases. 50/1, 3¼ lengths thirteenth of 18 to Duke Silver in handicap hurdle at this course (23.4f, good) 36 days ago.		
4	YEATS STAR (IRE) (37)	s	92
	U53C25P0 7 10-10 68.0kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  Jordan Colin Gainford		
	33/1, twenty-first of 28 in handicap chase at this course (24.4f, good) 37 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Difficult ask.		
5	GRANN'S BOY (IRE) (100)		98
	73/141-012 6 10-9 67.6kg		
	Harry Rogers, Ireland D. J. O'Keefe		
	One win from 3 runs this season. Latest win in hurdle at Listowel in September. 6/1, good second of 15 in handicap hurdle at Galway (21.9f, good to soft) 100 days ago.		
6	MINELLA SIXO (IRE) (19)	v	89
	2123F0-97 7 10-9 67.6kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  K. C. Sexton		
	10/1, seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (24f, soft) 19 days ago. Visored for 1st time.		
7	SON OF ANARCHY (IRE) (16)		99
	4674-2413 7 10-9 67.6kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  J. W. Kennedy		
	Promising type. Winner at Punchestown in November. Creditable third of 13 in handicap hurdle at Navan (20.2f, heavy, 9/1) 16 days ago. This trip will suit and one to note.		
8	WENDROCK (FR) (35) (C)		98
	17653-745 5 10-9 67.6kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  J. H. Williamson (5lb/2kg)		
	Course winner. 10/1, creditable 6¾ lengths fifth of 16 to Champagne Kid in handicap hurdle at this course (20.5f, good to soft) 35 days ago, left poorly placed. One to consider.		
9	CHAMPAGNE KID (IRE) (35) (C)	s	97
	4327-6311 7 10-8 67.1kg		
	P. E. Collins, Ireland E. Finegan (7lb/3kg)		
	15/2 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, career best when winning 16-runner handicap hurdle at this course (20.5f, good to soft) 35 days ago, driven out. Each-way shout.		
10	TIMMY TUESDAY (IRE) (58)	s	88
	2-03033PP 8 10-8 67.1kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  P. Cleary (7lb/3kg)		
	Cheekpieces on for 1st time, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Navan (25.4f, heavy, 25/1) 58 days ago, pulled up before last.		

11	COUNTY FINAL (IRE) (38)	t	 100
	85122 6 10-7 66.7kg		
	Eric McNamara, Ireland M. P. Walsh		
	Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Winner in hurdle at Navan in September. Good head second of 5 to Kazansky in Gr 2 hurdle (9/4) at Limerick (23f, heavy) 38 days ago. Has good chance on form.		
12	DUKE SILVER (IRE) (36) (C, D)		97
	F-2724101 6 10-6 66.2kg		
	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland H. J. Horgan (5lb/2kg)		
	Career best when winning 18-runner handicap hurdle at this course (23.4f, good, 25/1) 36 days ago. Possibilities.		
13	I LOVE MY BAIE (FR) (58)		98
	13/43-7007 8 10-6 66.2kg		
	Stuart Crawford, Ireland J. J. Slevin		
	Cheekpieces on for 1st time, below form seventh of 14 in handicap hurdle (16/1) at Navan (25.4f, heavy) 58 days ago. Others more persuasive. Engaged 3.40 Musselburgh Sunday.		
14	SYSKO (FR) (36)		98
	4-17240 6 10-6 66.2kg		
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland  D. E. Mullins		
	18/1, bit below form 22½ lengths tenth of 18 to Duke Silver in handicap hurdle at this course (23.4f, good) 36 days ago.		
15	ECLIPSE CHASER (IRE) (36)	t	94
	6-02140 6 10-4 65.3kg		
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland  S. F. O'Keefe		
	Winner in hurdle at Navan in September. 26½ lengths twelfth of 18 to Duke Silver in handicap hurdle (12/1) at this course (23.4f, good) 36 days ago. Something to find on form.		
16	HE CAN'T DANCE (IRE) (16) (BF)	s+t	99
	138-3323 6 10-4 65.3kg		
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland  Danny Gilligan		
	Respectable third of 12 in novice hurdle at Navan (22f, heavy, 13/8) 16 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Not taken lightly.		
17	ROAD TO HOME (IRE) (47)		93
	R31F-3533 7 10-3 64.9kg		
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland  B. Hayes		
	Good third of 9 in handicap chase (11/2) at Newbury (19.8f, good to soft) 47 days ago, finishing well. Switches from chase to hurdles. Up in trip and he has to enter calculations.		
18	BARRA RUA (IRE) (38)		96
	24313134 6 10-0(9-12) 63.5kg (62.6kg)		
	Emmet Mullins, Ireland Sean Bowen		
	8/1, 13¾ lengths fourth of 5 to Kazansky in Gr 2 hurdle at Limerick (23f, heavy) 38 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Needs a couple of these to falter.		
19	LITTLEFOOT (IRE) (37)		99
	1300-2289 8 10-0(9-12) 63.5kg (62.6kg)		
	Mark Molloy, Ireland Patrick Michael O'Brien (5lb/2kg)		
	16/1, bit below form ninth of 17 in handicap hurdle at this course (16f, good) 37 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Others preferred.		
20	DIPPEDINMOONLIGHT (IRE) (19)		97
	213-8452 6 10-0(9-11) 63.5kg (62.1kg)		
	Emmet Mullins, Ireland M. J. Kenneally (7lb/3kg) 		
	Good second of 9 in handicap hurdle (5/1) at Fairyhouse (24f, soft) 19 days ago, travelling best. Booking of Kenneally a plus. Should go well again.		
21	HARTUR D'ARC (FR) (37)		98
	9UF22-0P0 9 10-0(9-11) 63.5kg (62.1kg)		
	John McConnell, Ireland S. D. Torrens		
	Creditable twelfth of 28 in handicap chase (125/1) at this course (24.4f, good) 37 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Opposable.		
22	SAINT LE FORT (FR) (35)		96
	31-598453 6 10-0(9-11) 63.5kg (62.1kg)		
	Philip Fenton, Ireland Niall Moore (5lb/2kg)		
	Creditable 4¼ lengths third of 16 to Champagne Kid in handicap hurdle (8/1) at this course (20.5f, good to soft) 35 days ago. Not without each-way hope.		

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RACE 3

RACE AND STAY AT LEOPARDSTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) 4yo+ (Rated 0-150) €100,000 3m19y (4850 Metres)**23 SAVANTE (IRE) (36)** s+t **95**
588P-0557 7 10-0(9-10) | 63.5kg (61.7kg)

Colm A. Murphy, Ireland

C. M. Hogan (7lb/3kg)

Tongue strap on for 1st time, creditable 8¼ lengths seventh of 18 to Duke Silver in handicap hurdle at this course (23.4f, good, 22/1) 36 days ago, going in snatches. Cheekpieces on 1st time.

24 SMALL TOWN HERO (IRE) (36) (D) b+t **94**
31111413 6 10-0(9-9) | 63.5kg (61.2kg)

Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland

C. Stone-Walsh

Five wins from 8 runs this season. 7/1, good 4¾ lengths third of 18 to Duke Silver in handicap hurdle at this course (23.4f, good) 36 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**13-2** County Final, **9-1** Son of Anarchy, **10-1** Dippedinmoonlight, **11-1** Champagne Kid, **12-1** Duke Silver, **14-1** Wendrock, **14-1** Road To Home, **18-1** He Can't Dance, **18-1** Saint Le Fort, **22-1** Staffordshire Knot, **22-1** Small Town Hero, **28-1** D Art D Art, **28-1** Grann's Boy, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

There was much to like about the way DIPPEDINMOONLIGHT travelled through the race when runner-up on handicap debut at Fairyhouse and, with further progress highly likely, she is taken to go one better here. The lightly-raced County Final was just touched off in a Grade 2 Limerick novice on Boxing Day and he is greatly respected back in handicap company. Gordon Elliott saddles several, with Wendrock the pick of them ahead of Son of Anarchy. Road To Home is also shortlisted.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DIPPEDINMOONLIGHT 2. COUNTY FINAL 3. WENDROCK****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Perceval Legallois 8-11-11	15-2	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	M. P. Walsh	25
2024	Maxxum 7-11-12	28-1	Gordon Elliott	C. P. Millar (7)	22
2023	Perceval Legallois 6-10-12	4-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	M. P. Walsh	17
2022	Good Time Jonny 7-10-13	17-2	A. J. Martin	K. C. Sexton	24
2021	Maze Runner 6-9-13	40-1	W. P. Mullins	C. P. McNamara (5)	22

SMART STATS:

- 2** Gordon Elliott's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 7 runners saddles: **SON OF ANARCHY**)
- 2** W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: **SYSKO**)
- £77.25** Eric McNamara's profit to a £1 level stake when having only one runner on the card (hurdles) (saddles: **COUNTY FINAL**)

2.55**GOFFS IRISH ARKLE NOVICE CHASE (Grade 1) 5yo+
€150,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 DOWNMEXICOWAY (IRE) (86) (D) 92**

217-P0121 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Winner of 2 of his 3 starts since switched to fences, producing a career-best when landing an 11-runner handicap at Gowran (2m, heavy) on latest start in November. Should win more races in this sphere but almost certainly biting off more than he can chew at this level.

2 ROMEO COOLIO (38) (CD) ★ 100

12132-111 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Grade 1 novice hurdle winner here last season before performing with credit at the big spring festivals at Cheltenham and Aintree. Unbeaten in 3 starts since switched to fences, landing a C&D Grade 1 in gritty fashion on Boxing Day, and he will prove a tough nut to crack.

3 KARGESE (FR) (37) (CD) h 98

22/121-321 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

Smart hurdler who was turned over when odds on for her reappearance/debut over fences at Cork but made no mistake in a 5-runner C&D maiden chase during the Christmas period. Yard has dominated this race and she should make a real race of it with Romeo Coolio.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**8-15** Romeo Coolio, **2-1** Kargese, **33-1** Downmexicoway**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ROMEO COOLIO quickly established himself as a leading novice hurdler last term and looks destined for even greater heights as a chaser. Indeed, he mastered Irish Panther close home when making it 3-3 over fences in a major C&D novice last time and while it wouldn't be to his advantage if this were to become tactical, he oozes class and should again get the job done, for all that smart mare Kargese won't let him have things all his own way. Downmexicoway needs to take a big step forward.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. ROMEO COOLIO 2. KARGESE 3. DOWNMEXICOWAY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Majborough	5-11-10	8-11f	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	6
2024	Il Etait Temps	6-11-12	6-1	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	6
2023	El Fabiolo	6-11-12	9-2	W. P. Mullins	Daryl Jacob	8
2022	Blue Lord	7-11-12	5-2	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	6
2021	Energumene	7-11-12	5-6f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9

SMART STATS:

- 7** W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **KARGESE**)
- 2** Henry de Bromhead's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **DOWNMEXICOWAY**)
- 39%** P. Townend's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN (rides: **KARGESE**)

3.30**PADDY POWER IRISH GOLD CUP (Grade 1) 5yo+ €250,000
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Pace Information: **Even**

1 AFFORDALE FURY (IRE) (36) (CD) 95
15/2-2211 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Noel Meade, Ireland

Donagh Meyler

Gained a first win since chase debut when scoring in listed race at Thurles in November, before showing improved form when making most in Savills Chase at this C&D last time by 2½ lengths from I Am Maximus. Going the right way but will need to find more again to repeat the same tactics.

2 CHAMP KIELY (IRE) (32) (BF) 92
1413-1255 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Caused an upset when recording a first Grade 1 success over fences at Punchestown in April, but ran at least as well giving weight away when close second in Poplar Square at Naas in November. Luckless run next time, though shaped as if amiss when well held at Tramore on New Year's Day.

3 FACT TO FILE (FR) (38) (C, D) 97
1/1231-426 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

M. P. Walsh

Dual Grade 1 winner around 2½m last season (also third in this race), including an excellent display in Ryanair at Cheltenham, and just lost out to Gaelic Warrior in latest renewal of the John Durkan. However, below form in the King George and may just be vulnerable facing a test at this trip.

4 FIREFOX (IRE) (44) (BF) 89
132362-12 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sean Bowen

Smart form as a novice in 2024/25, unable to add to chase debut success but second to Spindleberry in Grade 1 at Fairyhouse in April. Landed the odds at Down Royal on return and similar form when second of 3 in graduation event at Ascot in December. Difficult ask (tongue strap added).

5 GAELIC WARRIOR (GER) (38) (C, D, BF) 97
1/23113-13 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Mr P. W. Mullins

Making first start at around 3m over fences, back to best when landing the Aintree Bowl in April and also won next 2 starts, including success over Fact to File in the John Durkan on return. Narrowly denied when third in King George at Kempton last time and he can make another bold bid.

6 GALOPIN DES CHAMPS (FR) (36) (CD, BF) 100
1/23112-13 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

Dual Cheltenham Gold Cup winner with excellent record at this venue, adding 2 more course victories last season including a third Irish Gold Cup. Rare defeat here when 3¼ lengths third of 11 to Affordale Fury in Savills Chase on return, but he's the one to beat with recent run behind him.

7 GRANGECLARE WEST (IRE) (36) (CD) 94
P62535-84 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

B. Hayes

Took his form up a notch when second in this race last year and matched that level when third in Grand National at Aintree. Stepped up markedly on this season's reappearance when fourth in Savills Chase in December, though has something to find to get back to winning ways.

8 I AM MAXIMUS (FR) (36) 96
311/P82-92 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Big effort under top weight when runner-up in bid for back-to-back wins in Grand National at Aintree last season. Well beaten in John Durkan on return, but left that effort behind when a staying-on second to Affordale Fury in Savills Chase here in December. Promises to be suited by this test.

9 INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN (IRE) (36) (D) 98
11/7541-59 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Keith Donoghue

Built on his eye-catching fourth in this race last year when proving too strong for Galopin des Champs in Cheltenham Gold Cup. Yet to fire in 2 starts this term, well held in Savills Chase here last time, but no surprise to see him fare better en route to his title defence at Cheltenham.

10 LECKY WATSON (IRE) (36) (D) 89
5/5111-F77 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

S. F. O'Keefe

Quickly made up into a better chaser than hurdler last season, winning first 3 starts over fences including Broadway Novices' Chase at Cheltenham. Has found it tougher since, though, seventh of 11 in Savills Chase at this C&D 36 days ago. Has plenty to find.

11 MONTY'S STAR (IRE) (36) (D) 90
2/2254-305 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Without a win since second start over fences, but good fifth in this race last year and ran another sound race when fourth in Cheltenham Gold Cup. Stepped forward from reappearance when fifth of 11 in Savills Chase, though others still preferred at this level.

12 STELLAR STORY (IRE) (36) (D) 88
41422-338 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Danny Gilligan

Made a winning chase debut last season and developed into a smart novice, placed 3 times upped in grade including when runner-up in Broadway at Cheltenham. Bit below that level in 2 starts this term, eighth of 11 in Savills Chase last time. Blinkers/tongue strap now reached for.

13 SPINDELEBERRY (IRE) (35) 91
12/5111-11 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

D. E. Mullins

Has thrived since going chasing, bagging a Grade 1 against the males at Fairyhouse in April. Took her unbeaten record in chases to 5 with a ready success in listed mares' race at Doncaster in December, so she's interesting upped in trip for all this is her toughest test to date.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Galopin Des Champs, **13-2** Gaelic Warrior, **8-1** Fact To File, **9-1** Affordale Fury, **10-1** Inothewayurthinkin, **11-1** Spindleberry, **16-1** I Am Maximus, **28-1** Grangeclare West, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GALOPIN DES CHAMPS may have lost his unbeaten record over fences at this course when third in the Savills Chase in December, but he still shaped encouragingly returning from 8 months off and he can go on to land a remarkable fourth consecutive win in this race. A pair of his stablemates could be the main dangers, with Gaelic Warrior feared most ahead of I Am Maximus.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GALOPIN DES CHAMPS 2. GAELIC WARRIOR 3. I AM MAXIMUS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Galopin des Champs	9-11-10	1-2f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	10
2024	Galopin des Champs	8-11-10	1-3f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	4
2023	Galopin des Champs	7-11-10	30-100f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2022	Conflated	8-11-10	18-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	8
2021	Kemboy	9-11-12	11-4	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	5

SMART STATS:

5 W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 8 runners saddles: **GALOPIN DES CHAMPS**)

2 Gordon Elliott's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **FIREFOX**)

39% P. Townend's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN (rides: **GALOPIN DES CHAMPS**)

4.05**BARBERSTOWN CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (Listed) 5yo+
(Rated 0-150) €100,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 INTHEPOCKET (19) **99**
2/13-F55 **9** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**
Yet to be asked for effort when coming down at Naas in November but been disappointing since. Others preferred.

2 JACOB'S LADDER (IRE) (22) (D) **100**
511P-2312 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
Promising individual who got off the mark over fences at Fairyhouse (16.3f) last month and found further improvement when second of 5 in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown (19.5f, heavy) 22 days ago. Likely more to come on handicap debut.

3 ADDRAGOOLE (IRE) (38) (CD) **99**
3-0032141 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **E. Staples (5lb/2kg)**
Much improved when landing 20-runner handicap chase (11/1) over C&D (good) 38 days ago, driven out. Raised 10 lb since but he may be capable of better yet.

4 BALLYSAH HANK (IRE) (37) (BF) **97**
U15-23128 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Useful chaser who only narrowly failed to land American Grand National at Far Hills (21f) in October. Shaped better than bare result when eighth of 28 in handicap chase at this course (24.4f, good) over Christmas and has to be of interest here.

5 WESTERN DIEGO (IRE) (19) (D) **98**
3/4625-831 **9** 11-3 | 71.2kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**
Posted career best when opening account over fences in 12-runner handicap chase at Fairyhouse (17.1f, soft) 19 days ago by 3¾ lengths from More Coko. 8 lb higher now but must enter calculations.

6 DRUMGILL (IRE) (19) (D) **97**
45PP2318 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland **M. J. Kenneally (7lb/3kg)**
Back to winning ways at Fairyhouse in November but finished well held behind Western Diego at Fairyhouse last time and makes limited appeal.

7 JASKO DES DAMES (FR) (101) (D, BF) **99**
11255-022 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**
Quickly proved himself a better chaser than hurdler last season when winning at Wexford and Punchestown and resumed his progress this term with creditable effort at Listowel before good second of 9 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (15.9f, good) 101 days ago. Not taken lightly.

8 GOLDEN JOY (FR) (24) (CD) **98**
4/90517-P4 **7** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Danny Gilligan**
C&D winner who arrives on back of respectable fourth of 9 in handicap chase (14/1) at Naas (16f, soft) 24 days ago, finding less than looked likely. More needed to take a hand here. Visor on first time.

9 MORE COKO (FR) (19) (D) **98**
12F-45892 **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. Cleary-Farrell (7lb/3kg)**
Posted his best effort over fences when 3¾ lengths second of 12 to Western Diego in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (17.1f, soft, 9/1) 19 days ago, going with enthusiasm. Remains low mileage in this sphere so merits consideration.

10 AN PEANN DEARG (IRE) (38) (CD) **98**
42110-P60 **9** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Paul Nolan, Ireland **S. F. O'Keeffe**
Dual C&D winner last season, including this contest off 6 lb lower. Yet to fire in this campaign, however.

11 BATTLE OF RIDGEWAY (IRE) (50) **96**
P-2913431 **8** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Martin Hassett, Ireland **L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg)**
Strong third at Cheltenham prior to posting a career best when easily winning 12-runner handicap chase at Navan (16f, heavy, 6/1) 50 days ago. Progressing well recently so he warrants respect despite a 9 lb rise.

12 DONT GO YET (IRE) (38) (D) **95**
5442-2345 **12** 10-2 | 64.4kg
Edward Cawley, Ireland **Philip Donovan (3lb/1kg)**
Posted respectable 16¾ lengths fifth of 20 to Addragoole in handicap chase over C&D (good) on Boxing Day but it's not 11 runs since this veteran scored in 2023.

13 MILAN FORTH (IRE) (30) **96**
117-P1 **7** 10-0(9-12) | 63.5kg (62.6kg)
S. Cavanagh, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**
Didn't need to be at best when winning 6-runner handicap chase at Cork (20f, good to soft, 7/2) 30 days ago and finds himself in a much deeper contest now. 2 lb out of the weights too.

14 GRANGE WALK (IRE) (15) (CD) **94**
46223P89 **11** 10-0(9-6) | 63.5kg (59.9kg)
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland **D. King**
Proved disappointing in recent starts and has plenty on his plate from 8 lb out of the handicap here.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Western Diego, **13-2** Jacob's Ladder, **8-1** Jasko Des Dames, **8-1** Ballysax Hank, **17-2** Addragoole, **9-1** More Coko, **16-1** Battle of Ridgeway, **20-1** Inthepocket, **20-1** Golden Joy, **20-1** Milan Forth, **25-1** An Peann Dearg, **28-1** Drumgill, **33-1** Dont Go Yet, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WESTERN DIEGO is low mileage for his age and was an emphatic winner at Fairyhouse earlier this month. He may be able to follow up. Jacob's Ladder and Ballysax Hank head the list of dangers in a typically competitive renewal of this contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WESTERN DIEGO 2. JACOB'S LADDER 3. BALLYSAH HANK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	An Peann Dearg 8-10-0	8-1	Paul Nolan	S. F. O'Keeffe	14
2024	Madara 5-10-10	4-1jf	Sophie Leech	J. Reveley	11
2023	Final Orders 7-11-8	9-2	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Keith Donoghue	12
2022	A Wave of The Sea 6-11-10	9-2	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	S. Fitzgerald (5)	9
2021	A Wave of The Sea 5-10-3	12-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	S. D. Torrens (5)	20

SMART STATS:

2 Gavin Patrick Cromwell's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **ADDRAGOOLE**)

3 Paul Nolan's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **AN PEANN DEARG**)

28% W. P. Mullins's strike rate with chasers at up to 2m3f (saddles: **MORE COKO** and **WESTERN DIEGO**)

4.40

RACE 7

PADDY POWER CHELTENHAM COUNTDOWN PODCAST (C & G) I.N.H. I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 2) 4, 5 and 6yo colts and geldings €100,000 2m (3220 Metres)Going: **Hurdle: Heavy; Chase: Soft to Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BROADWAY TED (IRE) (63) (D) 94
1 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr B. O'Neill**
Well-bred Getaway gelding who put the race to bed in good style when making winning debut in 8-runner bumper (9/4) at Ayr (16f, heavy) 63 days ago. Open to improvement for top yard.

2 CHARISMATIC KID (IRE) (58) (D) 99
1 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr H. C. Swan**
Overcame inexperience to score easily in 8-runner bumper at Navan (16f, heavy) on debut for Colm Ryan (With Nolimit in fourth a subsequent winner for the Elliott yard). Has since been purchased by powerful connections and there's surely better to come.

3 GENEROUS RISK (FR) (37) 97
3-23 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr P. W. Mullins**
£250,000 point winner who built on his debut promise when second to a good prospect from same stable at Fairyhouse in November but was left poorly placed in steadily-run 2½m bumper at Leopardstown subsequently. Remains better judged on previous form and merits respect back down in trip.

4 IT'S ONLY A GAME (FR) (71) 100
21 5 11-10 | 74.4kg t



Martin Brassil, Ireland **Mr J. L. Gleeson**
€160,000 3-y-o. Well-backed runner up on debut at Punchestown and travelled strongly/quicken clear to go one better in first-time tongue tie there (16.9f, soft) in November. The runner-up has won impressively since and that form sets the standard here.

5 MOSSY WAY (IRE) (35) (D) 98
274-14 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Edward Buckley, Ireland **Mr F. R. Buckley**
Solid form when fourth at Thurles prior to bolting up in 7-runner bumper at Limerick (heavy) on final start for P. M. J. Doyle. Ran creditably when fourth in a C&D bumper (good to soft) on stable debut in December and may appreciate return to more testing conditions.

6 ROJUCO MAC (IRE) (36) 92
3-21 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Charles Byrnes, Ireland **Mr D. O'Connor**
Third in notable bumper on debut prior to chasing home an improver at Punchestown (16.7f, soft) on reappearance. Put his experience to good use to get off the mark in 7-runner bumper (5/6) at Limerick (18f, heavy) 36 days ago (third has won since) and he's earned a crack at something better.

7 WITH NOLIMIT (FR) (32) (D) 89
41 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr D. G. Lavery**
£250,000 purchase after winning sole start in points and finished fourth behind Charismatic Kid on Rules debut. Confirmed that promise when dictating to win 5-runner bumper at Fairyhouse (16f, good to soft) 32 days ago, responding well to pressure. Will be even better as his stamina is drawn out.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 It's Only A Game, **7-4** Charismatic Kid, **7-1** Rojuco Mac, **14-1** Broadway Ted, **20-1** Generous Risk, **28-1** With Nolimit, **33-1** Mossy Way

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Some notable past winners of this valuable bumper and IT'S ONLY A GAME has made a very promising start, seeing off an impressive next-time-out winner at Punchestown in November. That form sets the standard and he's narrowly preferred to easy debut winner Charismatic Kid, who looks sure to improve on first start for Gordon Elliott and Gigginstown, while Mossy Way could outrun his odds returned to more testing conditions.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IT'S ONLY A GAME 2. CHARISMATIC KID 3. MOSSY WAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Colcannon	5-11-10	9-2	Noel Meade	Mr D. O'Connor	9
2024	Jeroboam Machin	5-11-11	12-1	Emmet Mullins	Mr D. O'Connor	10
2023	A Dream To Share	5-12-0	12-1	John E. Kiely	Mr J. L. Gleeson	8
2022	Facile Vega	5-11-11	8-11f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	7
2021	Kilcruit	6-11-13	11-10f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	10

SMART STATS:

22%	Gordon Elliott's strike rate with horses running in 2m to 2m1f bumpers (saddles: CHARISMATIC KID, GENEROUS RISK, BROADWAY TED and WITH NOLIMIT)
24%	Gordon Elliott's strike rate in mid season (saddles: CHARISMATIC KID, GENEROUS RISK, BROADWAY TED and WITH NOLIMIT)